

Emergency Public Notice

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: 19 January 2007

EXPIRATION DATE: 2 February 2007

REFERENCE NUMBER: POA-2006-1846-D

WATERWAY: Troublesome Creek

The Alaska District, Corps of Engineers issued a Department of the Army (DA) permit under emergency procedures, as authorized by 33 CFR 325.2(e)(4) on August 20, 2006. An "emergency" is a situation which would result in an acceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a DA permit is not undertaken.

<u>APPLICANT</u>: Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Post Office Box 196900, 4111 Aviation Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6900, contact Mr. William Frost, (907) 269-0528.

LOCATION: Section 34, T. 29 N. R. 5 W., USGS Talkeetna C-1, Seward Meridian, Latitude 62.6266°N., Longitude 150.2343°W., MP 138 Parks Highway, approximately 25 miles north of Talkeetna, Alaska

<u>WORK</u>: The work, consisting of 3,750 cubic yards (cy) of class III and IV riprap discharged into 0.20 acres of upper perennial rocky unconsolidated gravel cobble (R2UB1) waters of the U.S., was conducted under emergency authorization of Nationwide Permit No. 3, in order to protect the Troublesome Creek bridge. The work included augmentation of existing riprap blankets on the stream bank, for lengths of 150' above the bridge and 100' below the bridge. Also, a new spur dike 150' long x 22'wide x 14'high was constructed on a gravel bar above the bridge. All work was keyed in 5' below the streambed to protect against scour.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: In August 2006 heavy rainfall caused flooding and damages to the bridge at Troublesome Creek, which closed the Parks Highway for three days. The purpose of the project was to repair damages to the bridge approaches and to add additional riprap to protect the bridge and divert future flood flows.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of Habitat Management and Permitting, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, State Historical Preservation Officer, and Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of Project Management and Permitting officials were made aware of the emergency. After discussions with these agencies, it was determined to be in the public's interest to issue an emergency authorization for the proposed work.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation waives its right to certify under Section 401(a) of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217).

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION: Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3), requires the applicant to certify that the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of Project Management and Permitting has concurred with the applicant's certification.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The latest version of the National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed on or known to be eligible for inclusion on the Register are located in the permit area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The described activity did not affect endangered species, or their critical habitat designated as endangered or threatened, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). Normal consultation under Section 7 of the Act was not required for the described activity.

AUTHORITY: The permit was verified under the following authorities:

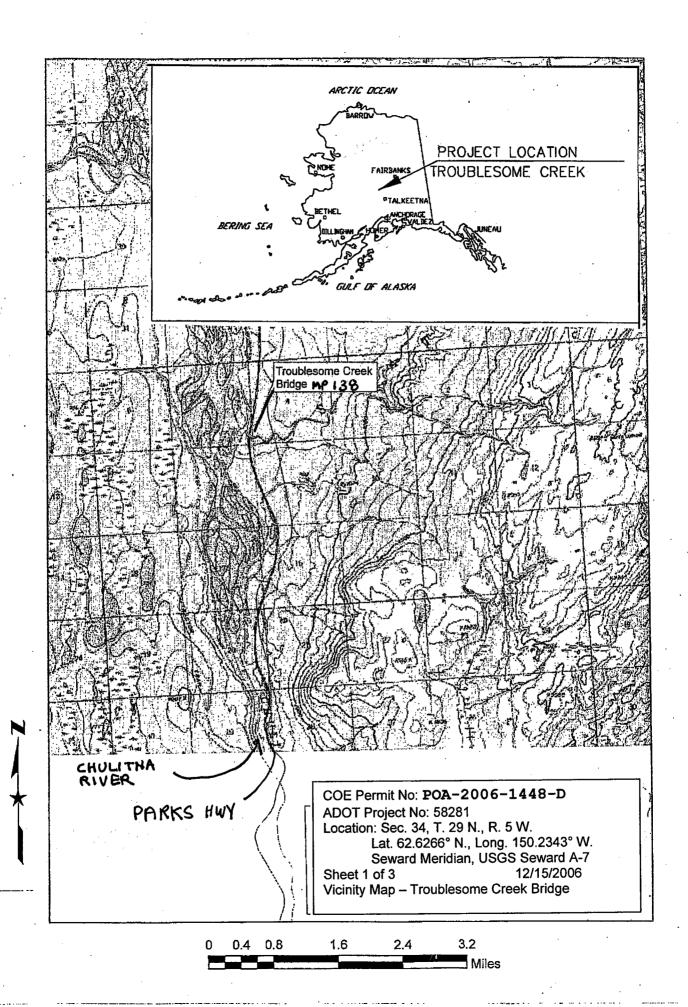
(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States - Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

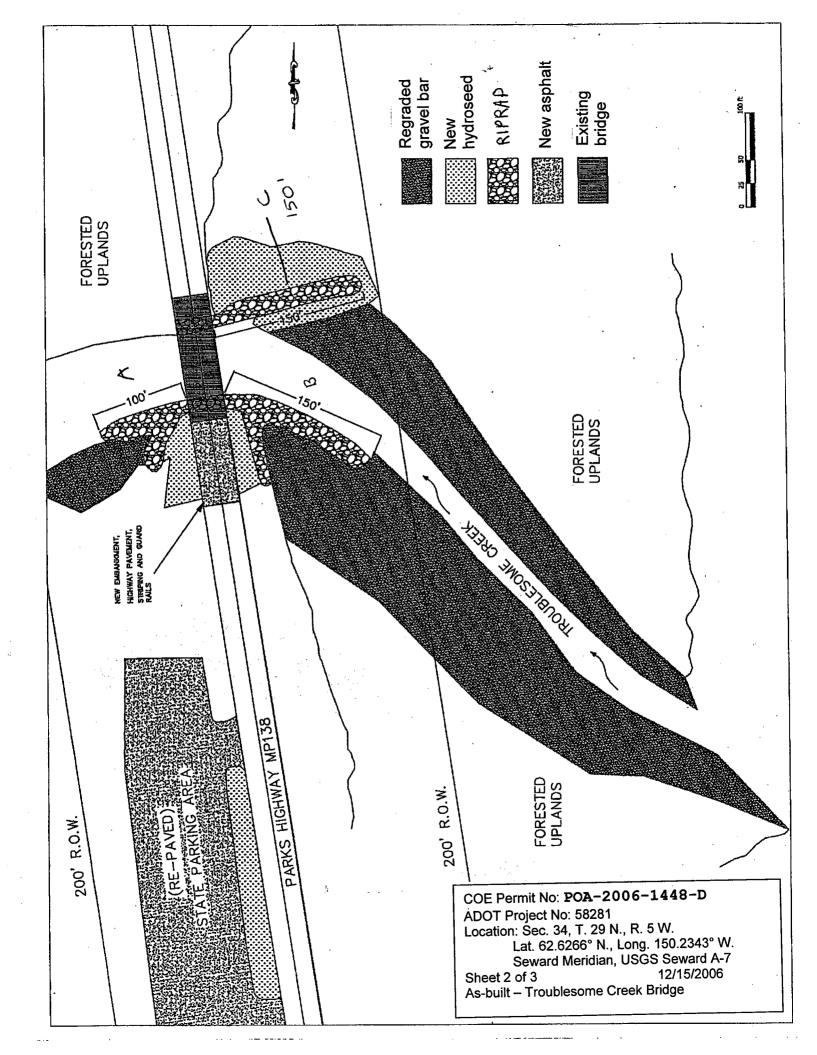
Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Ms. Leslie W. Tose, ADOT & PF/Corps Liaison, at (907) 753-2712, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at leslietose@poa02.usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

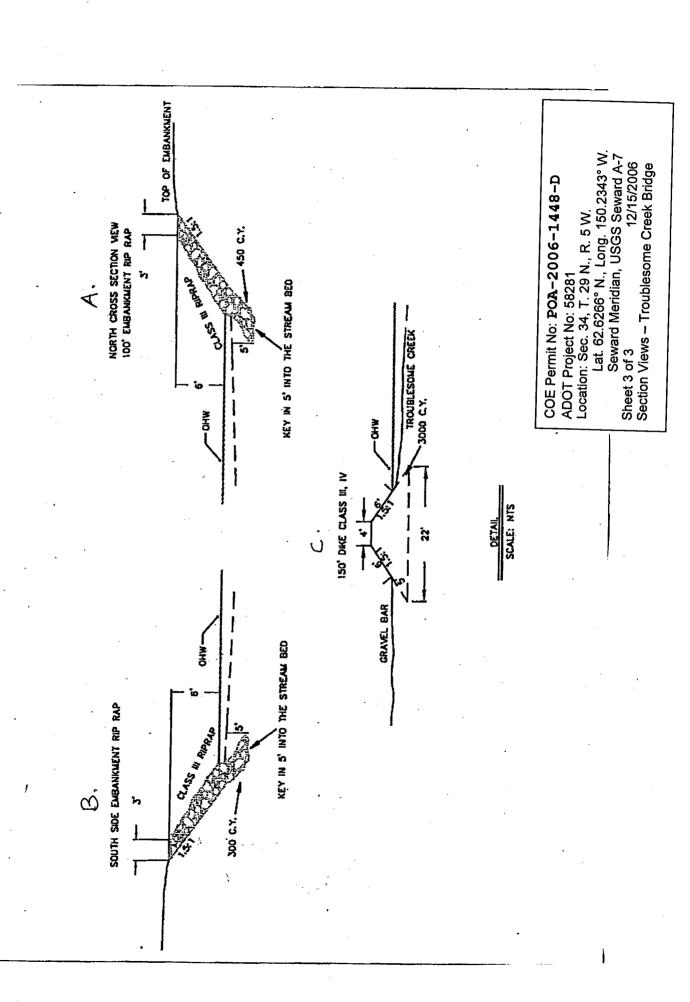
A plan, sheets 1-3 dated December 15, 2006, is attached to this Public Notice.

District Engineer U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Attachment







STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

DIVISION OF WATER

401 Certification Program
Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. <u>POA-2006-1846-D, Troublesome Creek</u>, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify that there is reasonable assurance that the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project with respect to Water Quality Certification may submit written comments within 30 days of the date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice to:

Department of Environmental Conservation WQM/401 Certification 555 Cordova Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2617 Telephone: (907) 269-6281

FAX: (907) 269-7508

Attachment 2

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF PROJECT MANAGEMNT AND PERMITTING

OFFICE OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND PERMITTING 550 WEST 7TH AVENUE, SUITE 705 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-3559 PHONE: (907) 269-7470/FAX: (907) 269-3981

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Office of Project Management and Permitting for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. **POA-2006-1846-D, Troublesome Creek**, will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

The Office of Project Management and Permitting requests your comments, particularly on the proposed project's consistency with the affected local coastal district management program. For more information on the consistency review contact OPMP at (907) 269-7470 or (907) 465-3562, or visit the ACMP web site at http://www.gov.state.ak.us/gdc/Projects/projects.html.